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C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 4931

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM, TECH  
SUBJ: NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY ADHERENCE

REF: STATE 79276

1. WE THINK IT MOST UNLIKELY THAT BHUTAN WOULD CONSIDER ADHERENCE TO THE NPT AT PRESENT BECAUSE OF OUTSPOKEN INDIAN OPPOSITION TO THE TREATY. BHUTAN, WHICH HAS EMERGED ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE ONLY IN RECENT YEARS, IS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE ABOUT ITS RELATIONS WITH INDIA. WHILE IT IS AN INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN STATE, BHUTAN NEVERTHELESS HAS A TREATY WITH INDIA BY WHICH THE GOB "AGREES TO BE GUIDED BY THE ADVICE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA IN REGARD TO ITS EXTERNAL AFFAIRS." THE BHUTANESE INTERPRET THIS TO MEAN THAT THEY ARE OBLIGED TO CONSULT WITH THE INDIANS BUT ARE NOT BOUND BY THE INDIAN VIEW. BHUTAN DOES DIFFER OCCASIONALLY WITH INDIAN ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, BUT NOT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE ON THOSE THAT ARE OF PRINCIPAL INTEREST TO INDIA.

2. ACCORDING TO TREATIES IN FORCE, BHUTAN HAS ADHERED  
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ONLY TO A FEW INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS SUCH AS THE UN CHARTER, THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION AND THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. IT MAY WISH, HOWEVER, TO ENHANCE ITS CREDENTIALS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. THIS MAY EXPLAIN WHY IT IS APPARENTLY CONSIDERING THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION AND THE LIMITED TEST BAN TREATY WHICH ARE NON-CONTROVERSIAL

IN THAT THEY HAVE BEEN SIGNED BY INDIA AND THE OTHER  
SUBCONTINENTAL STATES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BANGLADESH.  
WE DO NOT THINK THAT BHUTAN IS READY TO CONSIDER THE NPT,  
PARTICULARLY AT PRESENT WHEN THE GOI'S ADAMANT  
OPPOSITION TO IT IS A CONTINUAL REFRAIN IN PARLIAMENT  
AND PRESS, AND IN OUR OWN DIALOGUE WITH THE GOI.  
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